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## **Rep. Considine on June 16<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Madison** – Today the Wisconsin State Assembly met to discuss dozens of proposals. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) released the following statement during the session:

“We just passed Assembly Bill 69 which will expand opportunities for people to expunge a non-violent, lower-level offense from their record. This bill was bipartisan, included input from stakeholders, and will give people second chances. I am a sponsor of this legislation and I was glad to vote for it today. Passing this proposal is certainly something to celebrate. I celebrate the work of Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee), who is primarily responsible for getting this through the Legislature.

“Later today we’ll be taking up proposals that aim to reform policing. Some of these are good bills that increase data collection efforts. Unfortunately, many of the bills that we’ll vote on are redundant. During most of my conversations with local law enforcement I hear officers say that these proposals only codify current practice. It doesn’t help to write bills that mirror current practice. Our officers and community deserve more.

“Another bill that we’ll hear today is one that seeks to ban transgender youth from participating with their gender in K-12 school sports. As a former educator and coach I understand the importance of sports on the minds and bodies of our youth. This bill would prohibit some from doing so. Everyone deserves a chance to participate.

“The bills we’re voting on today range from celebratory to upsetting and my votes will reflect that. In the coming months I will continue to work with my colleagues to find bipartisan solutions to problems. This includes continuing to have conversations with community members focused on reform in criminal justice, policing, and youth sports.”

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